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Dear Albion Central Community:

The Albion Central School District and Local Law Enforcement are currently investigating reports that a small number of Middle School students shared inappropriate and threatening messages and images in an on-line gaming APP known as Discord. Reports note that the activity has continued in live conversations and at least one phone call. Some of these messages have been shared, repeated, and commented on by others in conversations and throughout social media.

While the investigative work continues for the District and Law Enforcement, those students involved in the original messages have been removed from school pending the completion of the investigation and disciplinary and other corrective action to ensure the safety of our students.

The District had previously formalized a Threat Assessment Team with assistance from members of the Albion Police Department, the Orleans County Mental Health Department, the Orleans County District Attorney's Office, and a specialist from the FBI to review potential threats to our students. This Assessment Team is involved in the current situation and will remain so as the work on this situation continues. We are grateful for a dedicated group of professionals who bring their expertise to the team.

The safety of our students remains our highest priority. This case has been the sole activity of many of our school staff as well as of partners on the Threat Assessment Team. We are grateful to those students and parents who have shared information they have regarding this or any other possible safety issue. We invite everyone in our community to share any information they have that causes concern to the appropriate school building or my office. We will continue to share information as the law permits, recognize your frustration that we can't share more, but appreciate your understanding that, as we address the problem, what we are able to say is governed by federal and state laws.

Again, thank you for your understanding and for sharing any safety issues that come to your attention.

Sincerely,

  
Michael S. Bonnewell  
Superintendent of Schools